

REMARKS

Claims 26, 29, and 32 have been amended. Claims 23-25, 27-28, and 31 have been canceled. Claims 6-12, 18-22, 26, 29-30, 32, and 35 remain in the application. **The application has been placed in condition for allowance.** Reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended are respectfully requested. The Examiner's comments are shown in bold.

Claim Objections

Claims 6-7, 18-19, and 35 are objected to because of the following informalities: the word "piece" should be --pieces--.

Claims 6-7, 18-19, and 35 were amended to correct the cited informalities by an Examiner Amendment in the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due dated 3/23/2004. Those changes are reflected in the claims included herein.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vogel (Chess variants website) in view of Vilches Guerra (US 5,954,33).

The Applicant has canceled Claims 23-24.

Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vogel (Chess variants website) in view of Vilches Guerra (US 5,954,33) as applied to claim 23 above, and further in view of Nebermann (Chess variants website).

The Applicant has canceled Claim 25.

Claims 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vogel (Chess variants website) in view of Sirk (US 5,280,913).

The Applicant has canceled Claims 27-28.

Claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vogel (Chess variants website) in view of Sirk (US 5,280,913) as applied to claim 27 above, and further in view of Nebermann (Chess variants website).

The Applicant has canceled Claim 31.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-12, 18-22, and 35 are allowed.

Claims 26, 29-30, and 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 26, 29-30, and 32 have been so rewritten.

A check for \$44 is included herein for one additional independent claim (there are now eight independent claims)

Form PTO-948 was not included in the Office Action, therefore the Applicant assumes that the drawings are acceptable.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all the claims remaining in the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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